Council of State that such chief clerk or deputy has served as such chief clerk or chief deputy for a period of ten years or more and has rendered faithful and efficient service.

Treasurer authorized to pay.

Compensation of Board of Agriculture, Sec. 10. The Treasurer of the State is authorized upon proper warrant to pay the salaries above named in equal monthly amounts.

Sec. 10½. Each member of the Board of Agriculture shall receive five dollars for each day he attends a session of the board and for each day necessarily spent in traveling from and to his place of residence, and he shall receive also six cents a mile for the distance to and from Raleigh, by the usual direct route, for each meeting of the board which he attends, the same to be paid from the funds of the department. When attending any committee meeting each member of the committee, other than the chairman, shall receive the same per diem and mileage as is fixed for attending meetings of the board.

Sec. 11. Anat all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 12. This act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this 10th day of March, A.D. 1919.

## CHAPTER 248

AN ACT TO VALIDATE PROBATES AND REGISTRATIONS IN CASES OF DEFECTIVE CERTIFICATES OF OFFICERS ADMITTING INSTRUMENTS TO REGISTRATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Probates ordered registered by qualified officer prior to January 1, 1919, validated.

Section 1. In all eases where, prior to January first, nineteen hundred and nineteen, instruments by law required or authorized to be registered, with certificates showing the acknowledgment or proof of execution thereof as required by the laws of the State of North Carolina, have been ordered registered by the clerk of the Superior Court or other officer qualified to pass upon probates and admit instruments to registration, and actually put upon the books in the office of the register of deeds as if properly proven and ordered to be registered; all such probates and registrations are hereby validated and made as good and sufficient as though such instruments had been in all respects properly proved and recorded, notwithstanding the failure of clerks or other officers qualified to pass upon the proofs or acknowledgments of instruments and to admit such instruments to registration to adjudge or certify that said instruments were duly proven, and notwithstanding the failure of such officers to adjudge or certify